

WHAT WE CLAIM IS

1. An input system for an electronic device comprising a plurality of two digit codes representing characters or 5 character strings wherein information is input into the electronic device by pressing combinations of keys corresponding to two digit codes on an input interface.
  
2. An input system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the digit 10 codes denoting the 26 letters in English are: A is 45; B is 86; C is 63; D is 08; E is 22; F is 53; G is 37; H is 13; I is 11; J. is 73; K is 01; L is 96; M is 53; N is 93; O is 00; P is 66; Q is 25; R is 43; S is 83; T is 76; U is 55; V is 56; W. is 65; X is 69; Y is 98; Z is 79.
  
3. An input system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the character strings are commonly used two letter combinations in 15 the English language.
  
4. An input system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the character strings are letter combinations representing phonetic word sounds.
  
5. An input system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a 25 plurality of two digit codes representing punctuation marks and special characters.

6. An input system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising  
an input key to switch between input modes for different  
5 languages.

7. An input system for an electronic device comprising a  
plurality of two digit numeric codes representing characters or  
character strings, wherein the code for a character string  
10 comprises a combination of the first digits from its component  
characters, and wherein information is input into the electronic  
device by pressing combinations of keys corresponding to two  
digit codes on an input interface.

15 8. An input system for an electronic device comprising:  
a numeric keypad, and  
a plurality of two digit numeric codes representing  
characters or character strings wherein the code for a character  
string comprises a combination of the first digits from its  
20 component characters,  
information being input into the electronic device by  
pressing combinations of numeric keys corresponding to two digit  
codes.

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9. An input system for an electronic device comprising:  
a numeric keypad including a plurality of number keys, and  
5 a plurality of two digit numeric codes representing  
characters or character strings, the number key corresponding to  
the first digit in a two digit code for a character having  
printed thereon an identifier of the second digit in the code,  
and wherein the code for a character string comprises a  
10 combination of the first digits from its component characters.

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